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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Attention: Examiner McKelvey

Dear Sir:

On September 20, 2002, the Examiner issued a Communication wherein the Examiner acknowledged that Applicants had not received previously mailed Paper No. 27. Thus, on that same date, the Examiner reissued Paper No. 27 and required Applicants to submit replacement for sheets for figures that contain sequence identifiers for the sequences in the figures.

In response, Applicants resubmit herewith proposed replacements for sheets 2 and 4 of the figures that contain Figures 3, 4 and 6. The proposed changes, which are

highlighted with a yellow highlighter, are intended to conform the sequence identifiers on these figures to the SEQ ID numbers assigned to the various sequences in the substitute sequence listing filed with the USPTO on August 7, 2001, and with the sequence identifiers for the various sequences that were added to the instant Specification via preliminary amendment filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 7, 2001. Consequently, these proposed changes to the figures do not introduce any new matter into the instant Application.

Applicants also file herewith a petition for a four (4) month extension of time respond the Examiner's Communication of September 20, 2002, to and including February 20, 2003.

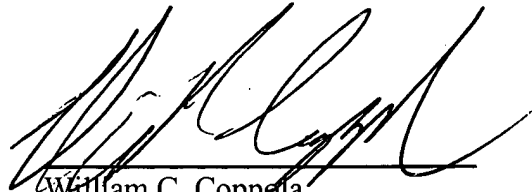
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No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 18-1982 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable action with respect to the pending Claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William C. Coppola', written over a horizontal line.

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